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Church Group Zeroes In on Philippines

At a time when Administration officials are warning of a growing Communist guerrilla threat in the Philippines, liberal church groups in this country are pressing Congress to adopt a course of action that will guarantee a Communist takeover — termination of military and economic aid to the regime of President Ferdinand Marcos.

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Nevertheless, a group called the Church Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines held a news conference last week to urge that military and economic aid be denied to the Marcos government because of human rights abuses by the Philippine military and police forces.

Playing a major role in this lobbying effort is Walden Bello, the head of a group known as the Philippine Support Committee, who is also a member of the board of advisors of a publication called *The National Reporter*. The publication is better known by its former name — *CounterSpy*.

Although the names have changed, the purpose of the magazine remains the same: the undermining of U.S. foreign policy. *CounterSpy* is the anti-CIA magazine that exposed U.S. diplomat

Richard Welch as a CIA agent before his murder by terrorists in Greece in 1975.

The premier issue of *The National Reporter* includes articles on the "militarization of Honduras by the Pentagon" and the "warlike and dehumanizing policies of the U.S. government" in Central America.

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